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SUBJECT: DEFENSE MINISTER COMMENTS ON NEW ZEALAND FORCES IN SINGAPRE

1. IN DECEMBER 17 COMMENT TO PRESS NEW GNZ MINISTER  
DEFENSE MCCREADY REPORTED AS SAYING NEW  
ZEALAND BATTALION SHOULD REMAIN IN SINGAPORE PROVIDING  
GOS IS AGREEABLE. MCCREADY IS EXPECTED TO VISIT  
SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA EARLY NEXT YEAR TO DISCUSS  
FUTURE OF GNZ FORCES WITH BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DEFENSE FOR POLICY FARRELL TOLD  
EMBOFF DECEMBER 18 THAT MCCREADY'S REMARKS WERE MADE  
DURING INFORMAL "GET-ACQUAINTED" MEETING WITH REPORTERS  
AND WERE SUPPOSED TO BE OFF-THE-RECORD. REMARKS, HOWEVER,  
ARE CONSISTENT WITH MCCREADY'S PREVIOUS COMMENTS WHILE  
IN OPPOSITION AND WITH NATIONAL PARTY POLICY. FARRELL  
INDICATED MCCREADY VISIT TO SEA WOULD PROBABLY TAKE  
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PLACE IN MARCH.

3. COMMENT. AS NOTED BY FARRELL, THERE IS  
CONSISTENCY IN MCCREADY'S COMMENTS WITH ONLY NEW  
ELEMENT BEING FACT THAT AS MINISTER HE IS NOW  
RESPONSIBLE POLICY MAKER. SITUATION HAS A CERTAIN  
GASTON-ALPHONSE RING ABOUT IT AS GNZ SAYS TROOPS  
WILL STAY IN SINGAPORE AS LONG AS THEY ARE WELCOME  
WHILE PRIME MINISTER LEE KWAN YEW HAS  
PUBLICLY INDICATED TROOPS ARE WELCOME AS LONG AS  
GNZ WANTS TO KEEP THEM IN SINGAPORE. MAJOR FACTOR  
IN GNZ POSITION IS PROBABLY LESS ACOMMITMENT TO  
FPDA THAN THE REALIZATION THAT WITHDRAWAL  
FROM SINGAPORE WOULD WREAK HAVOC ON RECRUITING  
PROGRAM.  
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